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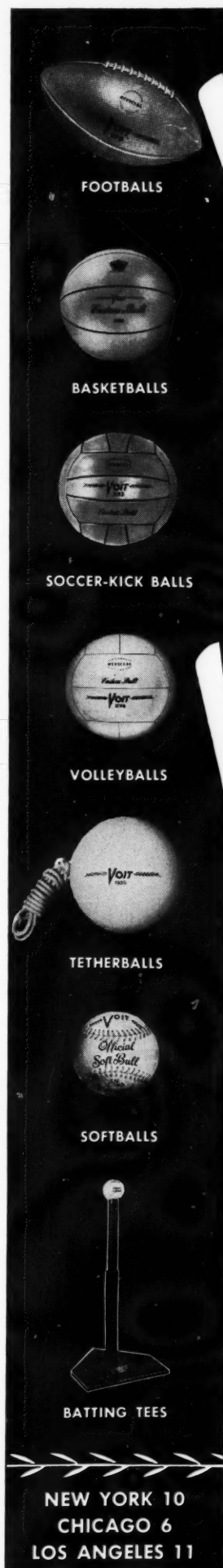
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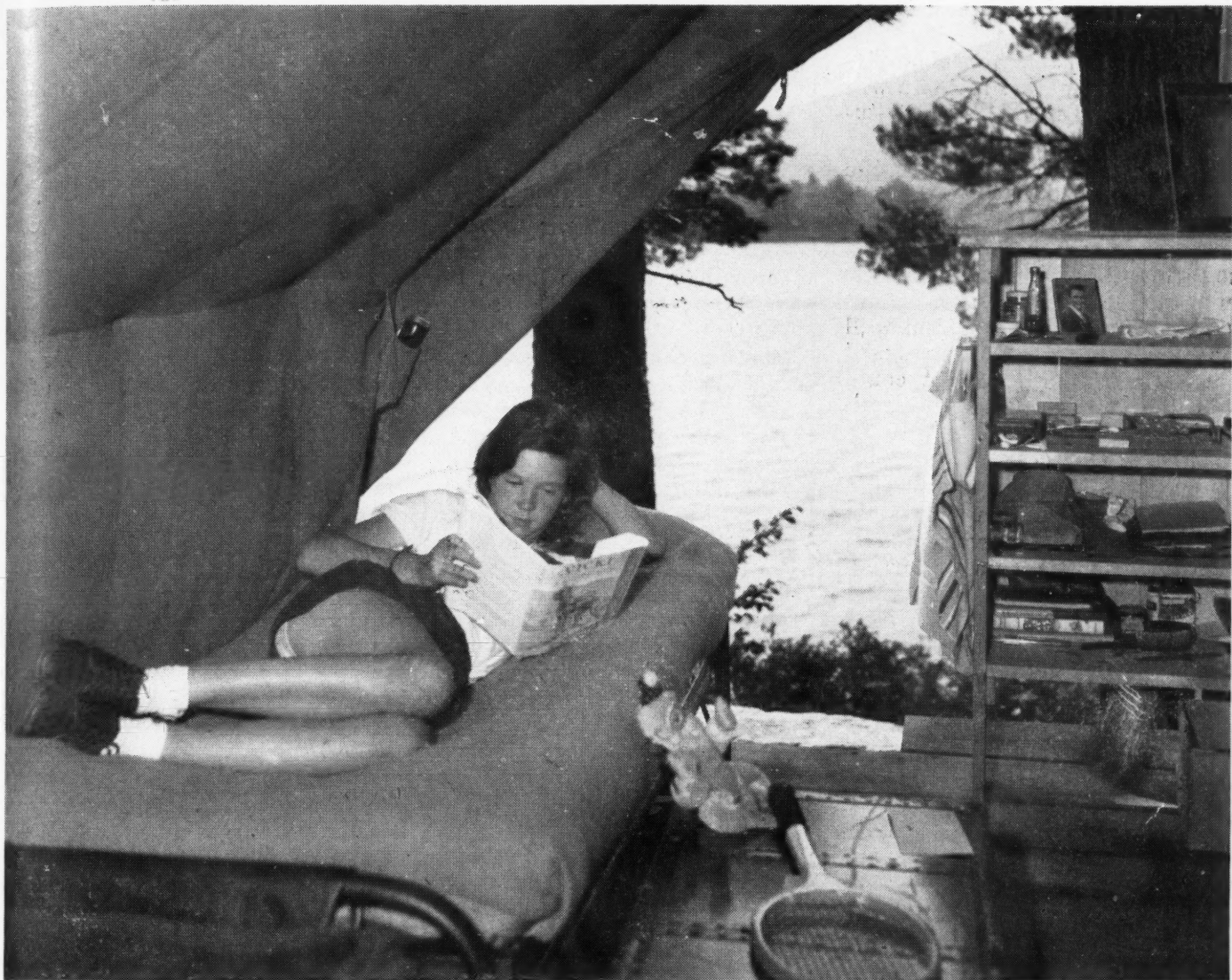
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Shall We Eliminate the Rest Period?

By B. Robert Berg

ONE TIME-HONORED and steadfast feature of children's camps is the rest period, following the noon meal and varying in length from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, with the average length being one hour. The actual period is frequently divided into two portions: a relaxing period during which everyone supposedly sleeps (at any rate no talking is permitted) and a letter-writing or quiet games period.

Rest periods of this type are so thoroughly accepted today that it is doubtful camp directors and

head counselors even think in terms of whether they serve any particular purpose. They are accepted as an indigenous part of the program and never questioned as to function. Presumably, they provide a quiet period during which the meal can be digested without upsetting influences, a needed break in the strenuous activity of a camping day, and incidentally, a period during which the staff and director can relax their fatiguing vigilance.

A cursory perusal of these reasons would assure the average

director that the rest period has solid justification for being part of his program. However, if each purpose is broken down there is room for doubt. It is questionable how valuable rest is after a meal. Many competent individuals believe that mild exercise such as walking is of greater value because it aids the digestive processes. The needed break in the days strenuous activity is a relative thing: certain groups can use it while others cannot. Also, it is debatable if the complete immobilization frequently demanded is

the proper kind of break in activities.

A practical and honest analysis of the rest period in camp will usually reveal the following situations:

1. The vast majority of the children do not even make a fair pretense at sleeping. Occasionally some children will differ from the group by apparently acquiescing and will sleep. However, unless the child does not feel well physically, I would often regard this as alarming, since it could well be a device to get the leader's praise and friendship.

2. Enforced silence is difficult to maintain. Many children find it almost impossible to maintain silence for an extended period of time (even in a game situation where competition is involved or a possible reward is in sight.) Naturally this varies with the group, according to age, and involves an appreciation of individual differences.

3. Children find it difficult to lie still and "relax" according to adult standards. Instead they often move around restlessly, hang over the sides of their beds or play with their clothing. This restlessness frequently annoys the inexperienced counselor. He expects an adult response to the order "go to sleep." He may conceive the excessive motion to be a personal affront and deliberate disobedience. True, there may be considerable resistance to rules in the restlessness, but it is equally true that a child who is full of life cannot manufacture fatigue at the counselor's convenience. Consequently, enforced quietness places him under great strain, which results in twisting and turning.

4. Children are tense and unhappy about the restrictions and resent a period which is "good for them." Rest, under these conditions may result in more harm than good, as it makes many children less co-operative in retaliation. Also, accumulated tenseness may result in volatile expression during the next activity periods. Some of the unexplained aggressiveness found in many children in the afternoon can be partially attributed to this.

What our manuscript readers say:

We submitted this article, prior to deciding to publish it, to two experienced camp people. You'll be interested in their reactions, with which you may or may not agree. Let us have your own point of view for publication in a later issue.

"My first reaction to the manuscript was only fair. After reading the article and thinking about the contents, I decided that here was something we have all thought about a great deal but many of us have continued in the old rut because it has always been done that way. The rest period is a problem in most camps. I think the author has some good thoughts on the subject and I think the publication of the article would benefit many.

"One of the members of our camp committee who is a doctor and quite close to our camp read the manuscript at my suggestion and agrees with the contents entirely. He was surprised to find out that most camps were not following such a program."

—Mr. G. D. L., New York

"I read the article and also gave it to another member of our staff who has had long experience with health supervision in children's agencies. We both felt that it was worth publishing. His idea at first seems radical, but it is so reasonably modified by the end of the article that I think it should be thought-provoking for many camp directors."

—Miss R. B., Illinois

5. Bad feeling is often generated between children and counselors due to this unnatural period of strain. Results of this may be seen in the way some counselors find to meet the situation.

There are numerous ways in which counselors handle the inevitable reactions of children to the rest period. Perhaps the most common method is the "iron hand" system. In this, the counselor maintains silence by a rigid discipline. Any infraction of rules results in physical punishment, either from the counselor or from the group by a gang beat-up or through-the-mill variation. The latter method is preferred by many counselors, who mistakenly believe that instigated group action of this sort relieves them of responsibility. They can still be a good guy to the victim and blame everything on the group.

Another method frequently employed by counselors is the "we'll pull the wool over HC's eyes" method. Here the leader permits the group to read or play quiet games during the sleep period so long as they will conceal the evidence in the event of an inspection. This provides an activity which keeps the group quiet and relieves the leader of the neces-

sity for disciplinary action. It also (so the counselor believes) creates a camaraderie between him and campers, because they have a mutual guilty secret in deceiving the higher-ups. This method does maintain order, but is undesirable as relationships so built are not resting on sound foundations.

Another method used is the reward system. Children who behave properly get a reward of candy or, if an honor-roll system is in use, may earn an extra point. Sometimes they are rewarded with more attention.

Still another method is the "do-it-because-you-love-me" plan. Here campers are appealed to "give-me-a-break," or "I don't feel well so let me sleep," or "do me a personal favor." Depending on the group and the leader, this has varying success. However, it can't be used as a steady diet as it loses its effectiveness.

A final system is the "bunk-pride" method. Here the group is appealed to on the grounds that "we want to have the best bunk on the campus." This can be used fairly successfully if it is established as a competitive thing where the head counselor makes rounds and marks each bunk.

Obviously some of the afore-

mentioned techniques for maintaining order are unsatisfactory. The question arises as to just how necessary rest periods really are. Is there real need to place a rigid rest period in our Camping programs?

For certain groups the answer must remain "Yes." Children of nursery-school age undoubtedly need this rest and are accustomed to having it. However, it must be remembered that some children require less sleep than others and that individual differences are always going to cause difficulty. The thing to remember is that flexibility is important. If the period is longer or shorter by fifteen minutes no harm has been done.

Children falling in the next group (elementary schoolers up to ten or twelve) can understandably use some relaxation at the middle of the day. However, most of them no longer find this required at home and resent it at camp even in face of increased activities. For this group it would seem advisable to modify our attitudes about resting. Planned quiet bunk activities, such as quiet games, letter-writing or reading, could suffice. In some cases, rehearsal for plays can be done. In any case it seems foolish to require sleep when sleep merely results in restlessness, tension, resistance and resentment, and does not fulfill any good purpose.

For older pre-adolescents and adolescents I would suggest that all semblance of a rest period be dropped. Instead, quiet activities should be programmed. Here is an ideal time for arts and crafts. Perhaps a limited optional period could be planned where a choice of sleeping, letter writing, reading, photography or quiet games could be offered. Older children generally feel less obligated to observe a rest period than younger campers and seldom use it to sleep.

In summary it would appear that it would be wise for camp directors and head counselors to re-evaluate the place of the rest period in their programs. In many cases a modified rest period should be adopted; in others, different plans should be made for different age groups.

Make Pottery in "Record" Time

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Be sure your old record is solid plastic, not the plastic-coated pasteboard used during the war. Dip the record in a pan containing three inches of water, boiling hot. When the record edge softens, lift it out and mould the edge.



Flute the edge by pinching it between your fingers while it is soft. Dip again for the next pinch. You can "rub out" mistakes by re-dipping. The soft plastic cuts easily with scissors for fancy edges. Keep it soft as you work, or it will break.



Fill the tiny center hole with plastic wood from the hardware store. Let dry, then enamel. You can paint on gay designs in oil, or give it a pottery effect by dripping a contrasting color on your enamel base while the enamel is still wet, like this. Experiment and see; it's easy.



Here the soft edge is rolled forward to form a sandwich tray. For this shape, lean slightly on the record as it softens in the water, to bend it as far in as the edge of the center label. That starts this rolled handle. Finish the bending by hand.

Courtesy Farm Journal

National ACA Committees Named

EVERY SECOND year, ACA elects a new National president.

One of the first responsibilities of each new president is to appoint chairmen for the various Standing and Special Committees. These Committees, together with the president, the other officers, and the Executive Director of the association, carry on the work of ACA at the national level.

Committee chairmen are chosen from

the membership of ACA's Sections throughout the country, on the basis of experience pertinent to the particular committees for which they are responsible. The majority have usually served as officers, board members and/or committee chairmen in the Sections of which they are members; thus, the national committees are a democratic representation of the entire membership.

Following are the names, addresses

and other pertinent data regarding the "official family" which will serve with our newly elected president, Reynold E. Carlson. The information is presented here so that all ACA members may know who national committee chairmen are and where they may be addressed. Not all chairmen have as yet been chosen; later issues of "Camping Magazine" will carry notification of additional appointments.

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Do Your Tents Leak



Part I

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DID YOU EVER stop to think how much money you have tied up by tent ropes? Even if you have cabins for permanent sleeping quarters, you no doubt have many flies, trip tents, ground cloths and other odds and ends of canvas around. In this article, I'd like to outline a few simple ways in which you can stretch the life of your tentage and canvas.

There are several things to be carefully considered when talking about care of tentage. Let's divide all tentage into two groups: that which is used for permanent camp shelters, such as two-, four-, and eight-man walls, bakers, and pyramids; and trip tentage, including small foresters, explorers, flies and maybe even a Tab Tent or two.

The seasons immediately enter our consideration. There is spring, when tents must be pitched after long storage. Then comes summer, with its wear, tear and storms. In autumn, tents must be repaired and carefully put away. Finally, there is winter, with its long months of storage. There may be an exception to the latter, since use of trip tentage in many winter camps poses another brand new care problem.

Right here is where that dollar sign comes in. Let's pry into the

tent storage of an average private or organizational camp with a capacity of about 75 campers. Suppose they have two-man wall tents, about 7 x 9 or 9 x 9 feet in size. That's at least 35 tents. Have you tried to replace tents of this size lately? Unless you happened to get one of those rare buys from Uncle Sam, you've probably found that your cost ran anywhere from \$25 to \$50 a tent, depending on the weight, quality, design and actual size.

Now multiply that figure by 35. Oh boy! It makes me sit up and take notice without even going a step further. How about you? You can see you're soon talking in many hundreds and when they have dollar signs in front of them, well, that hurts!

Agreed that tentage is a year-round problem and that there is a large amount of hard-earned cash at stake, let's look at some of the damage which causes those "dollar leaks." Tents hastily and carelessly stored where dampness can get at them often cause the owner to pay for those saved moments many times over.

Fire, too, is an important enemy of canvas. Campfires left unguarded will sometimes result in complete destruction of a tent or, in the case of forest fire, the

complete destruction of all tents and platforms.

Exploding stones, kerosene lanterns hung to close or carelessly spilled, poorly constructed fireplaces too close to tents, and uncovered candles are all potential "tent eaters."

Many holes get their start in canvas by rubbing. Poorly constructed clothes racks and mosquito-net frames are often put too near the roof of the tent. Soon the drying sun has sagged the tent so that it touches the object and it isn't long before the wind or campers complete the job. Similarly, the upright and ridge poles of the tent itself may protrude, fit poorly or sprout a nail or two to raise havoc with the canvas.

Other causes of damage are varied but important. Lack of constant care on the part of both staff and campers will lead to trouble. Tents shrink in rains, and unless ropes are loosened will rip or become weakened. Flaps which are rolled wet or improperly will mildew; a thick covering of pine needles left to hold moisture and keep the roof constantly damp will bring the same result.

I suppose we might as well admit it right now, and I'll start

with my own camp, we do have some campers who seem to take special delight in destroying tents, along with other items on their list. Idle fingers quickly make small holes bigger. Pins fastening clothes hangers and mosquito nets pull and stretch and finally start a hole. Sometimes ties or outside ropes are removed for knot-tying practice, or just to furnish a piece of rope or tape to tie up a bed roll.

Then too, it is so easy to put away wet trip tentage without drying it thoroughly on that soggy day when the trip comes all the way home in the rain. Sometimes it doesn't reach the "putting away" stage at all, and is left in a pile behind some convenient blind. These, and other reasons you can add, all take their toll and help to shorten the lives of our expensive canvas.

It's easy to see the reasons why, but frequently more difficult to do something constructive about tent wastage. Perhaps the best approach would be the old adage, with a couple of words added: "Care saves wear and repair."

Pre-Camp Precautions

Let's start in the late spring, as we pitch our well-repaired tents for the summer ahead. Don't put your tents up any earlier than you have too. Untended, they will be at the mercy of the elements until staff and campers arrive. When they are pitched, whoever does the job should be trained. As tents are taken from storage they should be loaded and transported carefully. Don't allow them to be dragged over sharp projections on the platform of your truck or other conveyance.

Give your workers a complete demonstration of just how tents should be erected. This can be done in only one way, by actually going through the complete process of pitching each kind of tent with them. Show your workers how to unfold the tent on the platform, if platforms are used; to attach the corner ropes on one side, in the case of a wall, or at the rear, with a baker; to slide in the ridge pole, free from all nails and sharp slivers; and to put the uprights in place. Then, with a man handling each upright, de-

monstrate how to lift the tent up and away from the secured side, place the uprights, and fasten the opposite side.

Platform Construction

The construction of your platforms and outpoles is very important. Platform construction is beyond the scope of this article, but merits your careful study. Outpoles should be level with the top of tent walls, as well as equal distance from the edge of the platform. Best knots are the clove hitch over a pole, easy to release and adjust; and the taut line hitch around a stake, easy to loosen even when wet. Screw hooks, rather than nails, should be used to fasten the bottom of your tent well below the edge of the platform. If you label tents consistently, placing the tag on the right front corner rope, you can easily pitch them in the same way each year. This is very important: All canvas stretches and also tent makers vary their work somewhat, giving you difference between one tent and another of supposedly the same size.

A tent which is well supported at the sides or rear; has well-fitted uprights; smooth, straight ridge poles; complete ropes, loops and lacings; and is lined up and hooked squarely on the platform, will wear less and last much longer. Wrap up your loose ropes and whip your rope ends. The whole tent is now trim and neat and ready to be kept that way. Few campers will improve a tent, but most will keep it neat if it is originally pitched that way.

Other training is also necessary for your staff. Include a session in your staff-training week (and it should be a training week, not a camp-maintenance period) in which you demonstrate correct method of rolling sides and front flaps, tying knots, repairing small holes and general care of tents.

Show counselors how to roll flaps in, rather than out, to prevent water catching. Explain the importance of unrolling flaps several times a week, even in good weather, to discourage mice from building nests and chewing holes. If you have permanent clothes racks either at sides or

rear, show how they are used. If these are not available, demonstrate how one-inch saplings can be lashed firmly between the uprights about a foot below the ridge. Rope lines may also be slung beneath the ridge. Encourage use of ropes or binder twine, rather than allowing nails or metal fasteners to be used.

If a pole splits at the pin end, it may be easily repaired by wrapping it with wire, being careful to bend sharp wire ends into the wood. In many areas tent poles of balsam, cedar, spruce and even maple can be cut, limbed and peeled. With lumber at present prices this will amount to a considerable saving. We also cut all our own out-poles.

Regular Check-Ups

Be sure to check tents often. Have your maintenance crew double-check at least twice a month, making all minor repairs before they grow too large. We use a canvas glue to repair all small holes. Put patches on the outside of the tent, cutting patch about an inch larger than hole. Emergency repairs can be made with adhesive tape, the new self-sealing tapes or even candle wax or tar. The latter is not too good, however, as it is difficult to remove when applying a permanent patch.

In cases of large rips, tears or burns, the tent should be replaced immediately before too much more damage is done.

Check tents often for accumulations of needles, sticks, etc. on the roof, and watch carefully for signs of mildew. Sometimes it is necessary to thin trees above tent areas, to allow more drying sun to strike tents daily. Of course, great care should also be taken to eliminate all dead overhead branches and limbs, for protection of both campers and tents.

Some camp directors use a fly over each tent. This definitely prolongs tent life and prevents rain spraying through during heavy storms. If flies are used, be sure they are supported up off the tents, to allow ventilation. A higher second out-pole will accomplish this, although the same ridge is used.

To be concluded in June.

A Henhouse to Crow About

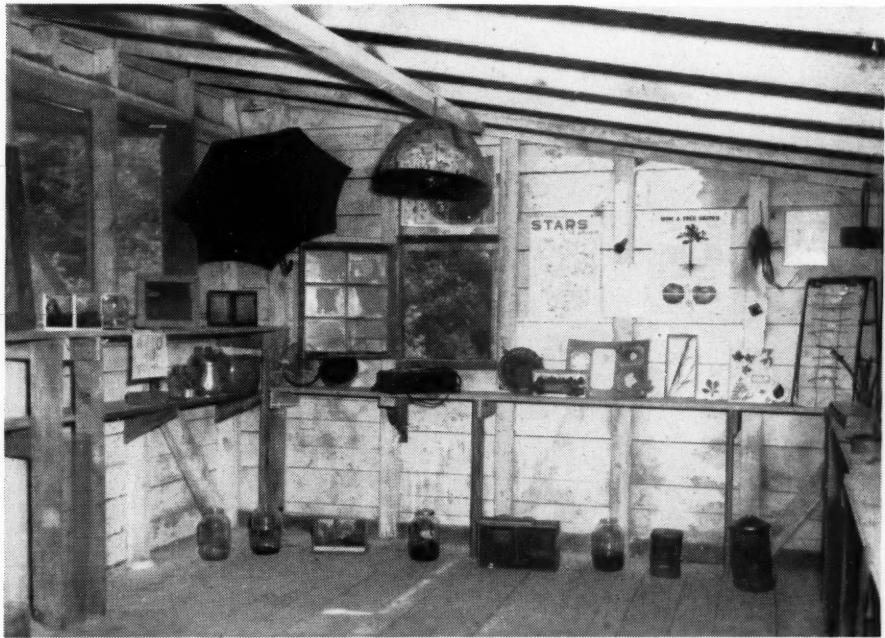
By Martha Coady

The author is a student of camping at University of Massachusetts, under Cap'n Bill Vinal, and the accompanying article represents a report, in part, of her camping experiences last summer.

THE FERNGLEN Workshop for Adults is located in the Monadnock Region of New Hampshire, the area being rich in flora and fauna. Within a radius of fourteen miles, there are 32 summer camps, including Boy and Girl Scout camps, 4-H, city and private camps. Since nature leadership is often one of the most difficult activities to organize at summer camps, we decided to try to be of some assistance to these 32 camps. We planned to serve both counselors and campers by building a nature museum and blazing a nature trail which would be suitable for the youthful campers. Counselors could visit for the purpose of learning new ideas to put into practice at their respective camps, or use it as a center for exchanging ideas with fellow counselors. Campers could make occasional visits to the museum for lessons in nature study or handicraft, or plan a walk along the nature trail.

Our material at hand was a deserted henhouse; a pile of used lumber; a few tools; the woods, fields and streams in the locale; and a pioneering spirit. We began by removing roosts, feeding trays, mice, and debris. The front row of windows was replaced by shutters and wire screening. Shutters are easily raised during the day and lowered at night and on rainy days. Screens kept out all mosquitoes, flies, wasps and birds. Even though this was to be a museum devoted to nature, we could not contend with quite all of the live beings of the New Hampshire countryside.

Shelves of two levels were built



under the front row of windows, the top shelf about four feet from the floor and the second about a foot below this. This would allow tall and short alike to view displays. The back wall was lined with a single shelf at a level of two and a half feet; room was left for a second shelf if such space should be required.

This skeleton completed, the main job of covering the shelves with a variety of interesting items was next on the list. Added interest was noted on field trips. Any plant or animal that would possibly be of interest to the camps was brought in. Vacated bird nests, wasp nests, branches showing leaf scars — all were collected. No log was left unturned in search of salamanders, snakes and insects. Ponds were seived; fields were swept; woodlands searched. After a week of intensive searching during the day and arranging during the evening, the museum began to look alive. Index cards were typed for each aquarium and terrarium, with the name, normal habitat, food, and method of keeping the

animal in captivity recorded.

Terraria varied in size from one made of window panes to one constructed of old lantern slides, using a special tape and cement. The very largest terrarium was a wash boiler which housed a wood turtle. Aquaria were made from pint preserve jars and gallon mayonnaise jars.

Demonstrations of how to make a terrarium, projects in handicraft, and weather forecasting were each allotted a section of the museum. The main attraction at the astronomy corner was a large black umbrella, of the Winston Churchill type, which had principal constellations marked with white paint so that a counselor could hold the umbrella up with the North Star corresponding to the North Star in the sky and thus the children could get the general location of constellations.

Week by week, more specimens were brought in and each week we contacted more camps. This museum acted as a center clearing house for all nature study problems of the neighboring camps.



Authors Klee and Epstein in the kitchen at "Boot Hill"

Outpost Camping for All

By Cecil H. Klee and Richard Epstein

THE SAN FRANCISCO YMCA has in recent years operated an interesting program of overnight outpost camping at its High Sierra camp at Pinecrest, Calif. This feature, which is offered as a part of a well-rounded program for boys at Camp McCoy, was worked out in its present form by the camp executive, Mr. Robert W. Brown of the Metropolitan YMCA office in San Francisco, with the assistance of the authors.

The outpost philosophy is a simple one: to augment a boy's natural love of the out-of-doors by a series of pleasant experiences. These experiences are planned in advance to provide a chance to observe and to participate in camp cooking, installation and maintenance of sanitary facilities, menu planning for overnight

Good outdoor experiences for campers are urged by ACA. How does your outpost camping program compare with that of Camp McCoy, as described in this article by staff-members Klee and Epstein? Mr. Klee is principal of Park School, San Mateo, Calif., while Mr. Epstein, a recent graduate of Stanford University, expects to enter the business world.

trips, camp craft and many other activities that must be understood if the camper is to maintain himself adequately.

Keeping in mind constantly the relative importance of accessibility, remoteness from any other camps or campers and the availability of an adequate supply of pure water, a spot was finally chosen about four miles from Camp McCoy. Although the boys were obliged to climb approxi-

mately 1,000 feet in elevation to reach it, whether they went by trail or semi-improved road, there were many things that attracted their attention and helped them forget tired feet, sunburned shoulders and what seemed like the counselor's fast pace. An occasional deer might dart across the road. Bear tracks might be visible in the dust. Or some other equally thrilling sight might present itself.

The camp itself was designated "Boot Hill" from the day a boot of doubtful vintage was unearthed on the site. It consisted of an oval-shaped area approximately 1550 feet long by 50 feet wide. Toilets and the garbage pits were far removed, in order to assure a safe distance from the living and cooking space, as recommended by camping authorities.

A small stream provided water for cooking and washing. At a point above the camp a dam was built by the boys to be used for drinking and cooking purposes only. Another dam a little further down-stream stored water for washing duties. Below this, campers were permitted to utilize the water in any other way they desired.

Sanitation was planned carefully. Garbage pits were used until within a foot or two of the top, then they were burned out, limed and covered with soil. Tin cans were flattened and buried. Kitchen grease was disposed of in a grease trap which drained through porous soil and away from the cooking and washing part of the stream.

Kitchen facilities were set up in the least dusty section of the area and at the opposite end from the sleeping quarters and campfire site. Food was stored in a sack-enclosed pantry formed by three large trees. Ground storage was limited to canned goods. Boxes fastened to the trees in the immediate kitchen area served as shelves for food and eating utensils. A long board, nailed between two trees and about seven feet off the ground, had nails driven into it to hold frying pans and cooking pots. Near the washing table and away from any food, was another box containing soap, scouring powder and sanitizing tablets for dish water.

Two stoves of the conventional rock style, with the addition of a stove pipe for draft, were used for all cooking, including reflector-oven baking. A large oilcloth-covered table was placed between shelves and stoves for preparation of food, and a pyramidal Indian-type table made from boughs by the boys last year, served as a table for eating. Use of surplus army mess kits and silverware was greatly enjoyed by the youngsters, as were 15 individual frying pans used by them to cook their own flapjacks or to fry fish which they caught.

All washing of utensils was supervised by the outpost directors to guarantee against any food poisoning. Hot soapy water, with

clean hot rinsing water with oxidizing type sterilizing tablets added, was used after every meal. Clean dish towels provided from the base camp were used for drying certain china needed in cooking. The necessity for cleanliness in the kitchen, whether in the mountains or at home, was continually stressed. No refuse of any kind was ever permitted in the cooking area. The immediate eating area was sprinkled before each meal to keep down the dust. A thorough policing followed each meal.

Schedules of activities at Boot Hill varied daily according to the age group present. Small boys, intermediates and older boys — referred to as Indians, Pioneers



and Rangers, respectively, led by the YMCA — had their own ideas as to what constituted fun at such a camp and their wishes were the directors' guide.

The Indians amused themselves, almost without an exception, by playing in the stream. Surplus trench shovels were purchased for such activities because of their low price and excellent size for youngsters. As the day wore on and dam building became monotonous, volleyball, horseshoes and a short hike on the nature trail provided interest. Following supper and a few lively games of kick-the-can and capture-the-flag, the boys gathered around the campfire for a song or two, a story or skit and marshmallows. This youngest group did not stay at the outpost overnight. Instead, after campfire, with their flashlights in hand and a piece of light-reflecting tape hanging from the belts of the lead and tail men

as safety precautions, they walked back to camp.

With the Pioneers and Rangers a different schedule was followed. These boys carried their sleeping bags enroute and after arriving were given a cold drink and short rest period. Then followed an informal talk on camp procedure. Here it was explained how to make a proper and comfortable bed on the ground and how to guard against possible rain. Location and use of water and sanitary facilities and the inevitable "don'ts" of a good camper were covered at this point. "Don't be careless with matches or knives, don't leave food on the ground and don't neglect personal hygiene;" these were some of the cardinal tenets stressed.

Because this group usually arrived in the late afternoon, collecting of wood for the campfire and kitchen stove was the first chore after bed-making. KP's were selected by the "I want you" volunteer system and supper was on its way. A typical meal might be soup prepared from dehydrated bases, lettuce and tomato salad, spaghetti and meat sauce, canned peas, bread, jam, milk and cookies. Very little was ever left as may well be imagined.

Following supper, there was usually a lively game of volleyball, using a net made by the boys from binder twine. Horseshoes, and perhaps a game of capture-the-flag, often intrigued the younger ones. The evening closed after a sunset hike and a campfire, during which there were songs, stories, skits and the roasting of marshmallows, weinies or popcorn. It was at this time that the camp's objectives were discussed in a give-and-take fashion. This was a painless way of telling the boys what they had learned, and served to bring out what might be helpful in later years when they would go camping by themselves or with their families.

Informal, unplanned campfires were also held for those groups of boys who were tired of the more conventional type featured at McCoy every evening. They were allowed to lie in their beds around the fire, tell stories and sing, or not participate at all if

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they did not desire. This lazy man's procedure was occasionally tried and worked very well. Directors were given a rest and campers had a change of routine.

During the day a number of interesting hikes were taken by the two older groups of boys, with wonderful swimming as the reward upon reaching their destinations. A bag lunch containing two sandwiches, cookies and mixed raisins and chocolate drops for quick energy was taken for each person. Punch base, either powdered or a canned fruit concentrate, was carried by the hike leader. First-aid equipment was also taken for any possible emergency that might arise while away from camp. After lunch and another swim the boys returned to McCoy and another group replaced them at the outpost.

The authors feel that here was a successful program of outpost camping and, with added experiences gained from this and past seasons, a still more complete program can be charted for the future. A few additional suggestions for other camps wishing to undertake a program of outpost camping for all might include:

1. Groups limited in number to 15 or less.
2. More dehydrated foods and those prepared by the addition of water.
3. Inclusion of only such older boys as express a genuine desire for such an activity.
4. Careful preparation of campers before leaving their base camp: shoes, socks, feet, bedroll and clothing checked by their counselors.
5. Packboards and sacks provided those campers not owning their own.
6. A short briefing period by the senior counselor to prevent some campers coming unprepared because of faulty information gained from uninformed cabin mates.

The experiences described above were shared by 250 boys and a proportionate number of counselors (who consumed 1,200 meals in the process). We feel that the adventure was enjoyed by, and beneficial to, all concerned.

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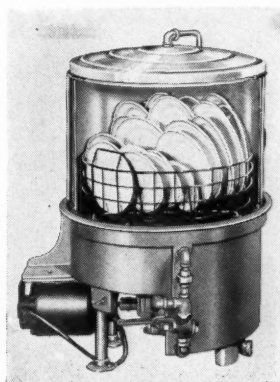
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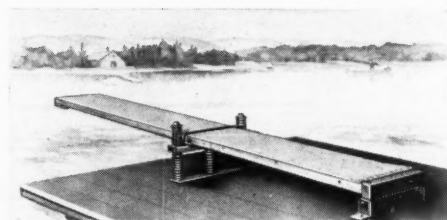
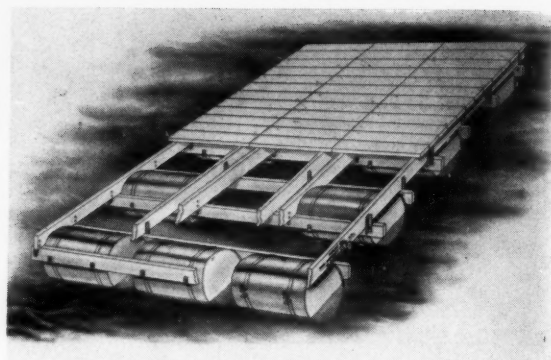
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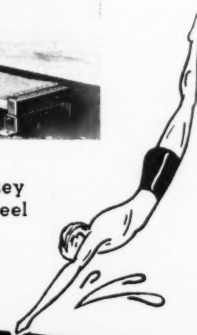
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THE FIRST LARGE-SCALE camping convention in Pittsburgh has been acclaimed as being highly successful. Held March 4-6, it was attended by 517 registrants, who came from 10 states. The Allegheny Section of ACA was host to the convention, with T. R. Alexander, YMCA

cial Work, University of Pittsburgh, as moderator, discussed camping in relation to the keynote address, in the areas of: (1) group living, (2) planning process, (3) informal groups, (4) creative arts, (5) athletics, (6) outdoor living, (7) all-camp activities, and (8) camp personnel.



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of Pittsburgh, as General Chairman.

Dr. Dan Dodson, Professor of Sociology, New York University, and a member of the Preparatory Commission of Autonomous Groups and Mental Health, of the International Congress on Mental Health, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Dodson stated that mental health is dependent upon social organization in society, and the primary groups (family, play groups of children and of adults) have a direct bearing on human development and the social nature and ideals of every individual.

Following Dr. Dodson's address, a panel composed of eight workshop leaders, with Dean Wilber I. Newstetter, School of So-

At the Saturday morning General Session, Dr. Theodore Newcomb, University of Michigan, spoke on "The Camper as a person — Recognizing His Individual Needs." He stated that counselors who take the point of view of campers will see campers' behavior as more rational and inevitable. To understand a person we must answer two questions about him:

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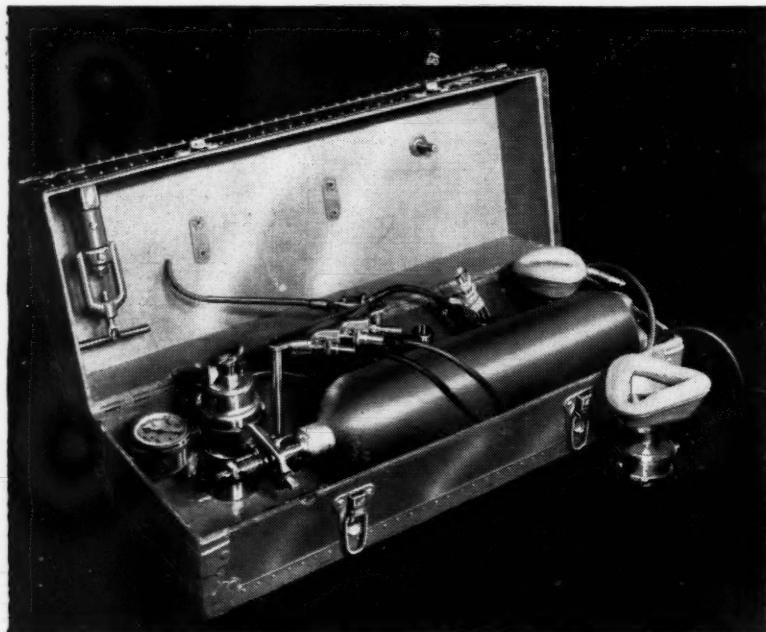
A discussion of nature and conservation in camping brought to the program Dr. William LeRoy Black, Associate in Education, Carnegie Museum; Professor W. Hughes Barnes, Department of Biology, Muskingum College; Dr. Roger Barbour, Director of Nature Education, Oglebay Institute; and Professor Maurice Brooks, Wildlife Management, Division of Forestry, West Virginia.

The convention banquet on Saturday evening featured two speakers. Dr. Gerald P. Burns, Executive Director of ACA, spoke first. He was followed by Mr. Fay Welch, New York School of Forestry, who gave the principal banquet address on "Training Youth for Outdoor Living." Mr. Welch said that "If we arouse the interest of children in outdoor living, with a minimum of guidance to provide safe and satisfying experiences, we are training youth in camping." Training can develop through making beds; care of cabins and equipment; preparing fires and meals; developing hiking skills; learning about safe drinking water, wind and weather, use of maps, compass and tools, tin-can cookery; preparing for sleep-outs, overnight nearby at first and then on more extensive trips as skills are developed.

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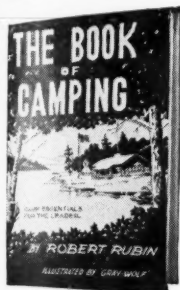
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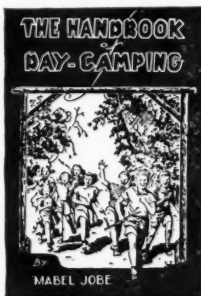
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Asilomar Conference Attracts Over 300



Left: Dr. Jay B. Nash, principal speaker, Pacific Conference



Right: William N. Goodall, President, Pacific Camping Federation

MORE THAN 300 interested camping people attended the Pacific Camping Federation Conference held in Asilomar, Calif., March 9-12. There were delegates from 11 sections of ACA in the western U. S., including a representative from Canada.

The theme for the conference was "Camping Challenges our Camps." Dr. Jay B. Nash, Chairman, Department of Physical Education, Health and Recreation, School of Education, New York University, gave three inspiring talks.

"Our camps in America are challenged," Dr. Nash said, "challenged to do what the wisest and best parents and educators know camps alone can do to make life rich and whole for children and adults.

"The challenge is not in terms of minimums in equipment and facilities, health protection and leadership, but maximums. We have basked too long in the complacent light of 'minimum philosophy.' Camping must supply experiences — the experiences children need — experiences lived by all in the childhood of the race and those which have to do with living in a one world society. Seeds of experience must, I think, be planted in childhood — a chance to explore and become in-

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"Campers take up the torch. It may not be lighted forever."

The Northern California Section of the American Camping Association was the sponsoring group. Mr. William N. Goodall, West Coast Director, American Youth Hostels, acted as Conference Chairman. Dr. Charles B. Cranford, Director of Recreation Curricula, San Francisco State College, served as Program Chairman. Julian P. Hargrove, Executive Director, Columbia Park Boys' Club, San Francisco was Conference Operations Chairman.

On the first day, conference participants' meetings were held after registration, followed by a general session. The day's activities wound up with a fireside singing and refreshments. Delegates from each of the sections desired

to go into work sessions, at which pertinent problems of the camps were discussed. This was done the second day by workshop discussions on Camping Legislation, What is a Camp Program, Guidance and Counseling Methods, Group Process in Camping and Camp Administration. Mr. Sterling S. Winans, Director of Recreation, California Recreation Commission, introduced Mrs. Rollin Brown, Vice-Chairman, California Recreation Commission, who addressed the group on "Camping—a State Responsibility."

The third day was devoted to Group Meetings on subjects that had been sent in by each of the sections as their choice. These included Pet Ideas on Camping, Camping for Special Groups, School Camping and Outdoor Education, Health Procedures and Safety, Co-Camping, Feeding the Camp, Family Camping, Aquatic Programs in Camp, Day and Home Camping, Conservation and Camping, and Hosteling. In the evening, Kindred Group Meetings were held. These included YWCA, Protestant Church Camp Leaders, Private Camp Directors and California Committee on Recreation Personnel.

Newly elected officers for the ensuing year are William N. Goodall, president; Dorothy Lan-

yon, administrative assistant, Oakland Recreation Department, vice president; and Lawrence Handy, Inland Empire Section, secretary-treasurer.

Several outcomes were realized at the Asilomar Conference. The Pacific Camping Federation is now a functional part of ACA. Executive Board recommendations included:

1. That the Federation have a Legislative Chairman. Mr. Milton L. Goldberg, of Los Angeles, was given that responsibility. He will

coordinate efforts of all sections belonging to the Pacific Federation with planning being done at the national office of ACA.

2. Each section have a Legislative Chairman.

3. Each section appoint a Conference Chairman whose responsibility it will be to plan for the next Pacific Federation Conference to be held next year the latter part of March. Southern California Section of ACA will act as host. The theme for this conference will be the same as that for

the national convention of ACA. All delegates attending the national convention at St. Louis will be invited to attend the Asilomar Conference to provide opportunity to act on recommendations made at the national convention. Each section is endeavoring to have as many delegates as possible attend the national convention.

4. The Pacific Federation recommended that the California Recreation Commission be encouraged to assist all camping sections in California on their camp programs. Also it was recommended that the delegates of California let their members and legislature know their support and interest in promoting in every way the Recreation Commission's program.

5. Private camp directors belonging to the Pacific Federation were organized for the first time as a subsidiary group of the Federation. This conference afforded a clearing house for many in their efforts to provide good camping.

6. Every section was urged to promote membership in ACA.

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The closing banquet of New York Regional Convention

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CAMPING for Freedom, slogan of this year's National Camp Week, proved also to be a happy theme for the Eastern Regional ACA Convention, held in New York City, March 23-26, coincident with the camp week celebration. From the first moment of the meeting when Edward M. Healy, president of New York Section, which acted as host for the meeting, brought greetings to the conferees both from New York and the other cooperating Sections, the convention definitely earned the label "Successful."

Keynote address of the meeting was made by Mr. William Agar, acting director of special services of the UN. Mr. Agar's topic, which he handled in comprehensive and stimulating fashion, was "Training Youth Toward World Citizenship."

At the next general session there were two addresses on the general topic "Democratic Administration of Camp." To present this subject were Dr. Laurin Ziliacus, chairman of the international board of the New Education Fellowship; and Mr. Clarence G. Moser, associate executive of the YMCA's Central Atlantic area.

Following this general session, there was a group of fourteen buf-

fet luncheon sessions, in which small groups explored a wide variety of subjects, under the general chairmanship of Marian Barrett, and with individual discussion leaders for each group.

At the next general session, 20-minute discussions of six pertinent topics were presented. Speakers and topics, in the order of their appearance on the program, were as follows:

"The Camp Director Goes to Market in 1949," by Chester A. Halnan, U. S. Department of Agriculture; "Equipping the Camp and the Camper," by Murray Sprung, past-president of the New York Section; and "Fifteen Ways to Improve Camp Public Relations," by Howard P. Galloway, editor and publisher of "Camping Magazine." Also "Enriching the Camp Program," by Robert Rubin, of Camp Waconda; "Healthful Camping Through Prevention," by Lloyd B. Taylor, U. S. Public Health Service; and "A Comprehensive Camp Insurance Program," by William Dworski, of Camp Adventure.

Chairmen for these two sessions were Major William Trigg and Wallace B. Graham.

Following dinner another general session was held, on the general topic "Your ACA." Chairman Otto Rosahn introduced as speak-

ers Dr. Gerald P. Burns, executive director of ACA, whose topic was "The ACA in Action," and Julian Salomon, Girl Scouts Camp Consultant, on "Implementing the ACA Standards."

A panel session on "Promoting the Mental Health of Campers" started the next day of the convention and brought to the speakers platform four well-known authorities. They were: Dr. Leona Baumgartner, of the Health Department; Dean Amy Hostler, of Mills School for Teachers; Mr. Ray Hruschka, director of personnel training, Herald-Tribune Camps; and Mr. Rudolph Wittenberg of the New York School for Social Research. William Abbott chaired the meeting.

At luncheon another series of small-group meetings was held, under chairmanship of Miss Josephine Chrenko. Grouping for this series was along lines of kindred interests.

Eight speakers discussed in six separate meetings, a number of topics of interest, during the afternoon session. Under chairmanship of John W. Dreason, "New Developments in Camp Food Service" were discussed by Prof. Dorothy Proud, N. Y. State College of Home Economics, Cornell University.

Lois Goodrich chaired the meet-

ing which had for its topic "Taking Camping Back to Nature." Speakers were Cap'n. Bill Vinal, University of Massachusetts; William Abbott, director of Adirondack Woodcraft Camps; and C. Russell Mason, executive director of Massachusetts Audubon Society.

A meeting on "The Outlook for Camp Building in 1949" was held under chairmanship of Ida Oppenheimer, who presented as speakers Luther A. Nelson, N. Y. State Division of Housing; and

Julian H. Salomon. "The Role of Camping in the Conservation of Natural Resources" was discussed, at a meeting chaired by James Moore, by Reynold Carlson, national ACA president.

"Post-Season Evaluation of Summer Experiences" was the topic of a meeting chaired by Frederick Lewis, with Ray Hruschka as speaker. Sarah J. Kinoy was chairman of a meeting devoted to the subject "How Can Your Camp Serve Children with Special Needs?" at which

the speaker was Jessie S. Marymount, director of social service for the N. Y. Philanthropic League.

"Intercultural Camping" was the topic of a stimulating general session, at which the principal speaker was Dr. Robert Weaver, of New York University, former advisor on Negro affairs to the Department of the Interior. Following his address, a panel of camp directors related their own experiences with intercultural camping. On the panel were Mrs. Douglas Haskell, of Camp Tree-tops; Mr. George Jonas, of Camp Sunrise; Mr. George New of Pioneer Youth Camps; and Dr. Thomas Patrick of Camp Willowemoc.

A number of demonstrations of various camping arts were provided as a part of the final day's sessions. Topics were as follows: Miss Gwen Mitchell, Campcraft; Capt. Bob Danskin, Use of Native Materials and Woods Wisdom; Miss Carolyn Bailey, Music; Miss Julie Arden, Creative Dramatics; and Mr. Bert P. Bachman, Water Safety.

A series of special group meetings followed. Day Camping was discussed by Miss Cornelia Goldsmith, of the Health Dept., and Reynold Carlson; Co-educational Camping was the topic of Dr. Ernest G. Osborne. The Group Work Approach in Camping was discussed by Jack R. Goldberg, of Camp Welmet; and Miss Bea Roberts, of Bronx House. What we Want Out of Camping, was the topic discussed by a panel of older boy and girl campers, with Samuel D. Bogan, of the Boy Scouts, as moderator.

A special feature was the awarding of numerous prizes contributed by exhibitors and others. George Appleman, of the New York City YMCA, presided ably over this phase of the convention.

The final luncheon session was chaired by Ralph D. Roehm, of the New York YMCA, chairman of the convention committee. Speakers were President William Schuman of Juilliard School of Music, on "The Place of Music in Camp;" and Dr. Eduard C. Lindeman, of the N. Y. School of Social Work, whose topic was "Camping in a Democracy."

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This Section also held a Day Camp Program Clinic on April 8, scheduled the May meeting of the Section for Palos Park on May 15, and listed a "Day Camp for Day Camp Leaders" for May 21. **Pennsylvania Section's** in-camp institute for camp counselors, previously announced for May 14



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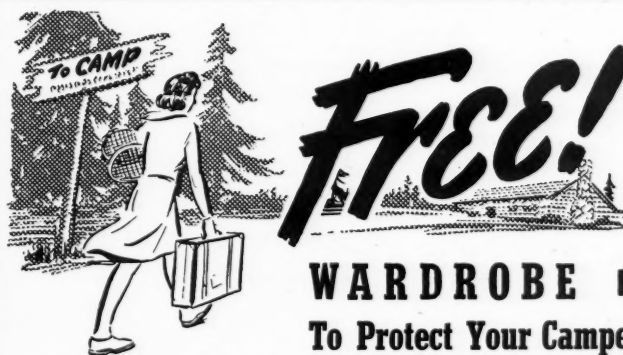
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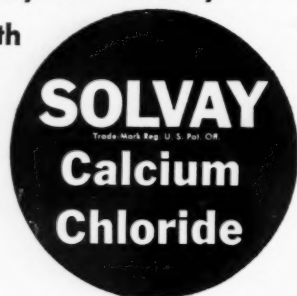
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New York Section Board of Directors has voted, after considerable study, a Code of Ethics for camp operators. Acceptance of and adherence to the code, plus the standards voted by ACA at the Los Angeles 1948 convention, are now conditions of membership in the Section.

The Section held a dinner meeting April 26, at which time new officers were installed and other business handled. On May 7, the Section planned a day in camp for all camp people, with emphasis on participation activities.

Jim Moore, for the past several years executive secretary of the Section, has resigned and his post been taken by Mrs. Elfrieda Travestino. An open letter to members from Section President Edward Healy, paid high tribute to the retiring secretary for the exceptional job he did for the Section during his term of office. The section has decided not to move its offices, as previously announced, but to retain them at the present location, Room 326, 111 Broadway, New York City 6.

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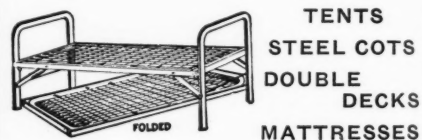
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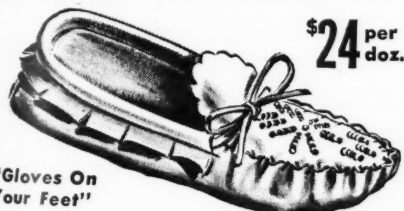
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Field Book of Natural History

By E. Laurence Palmer. McGraw-Hill Book Co., New York City, 1949. Textbook edition, 664 pp., \$5.00. Reviewed by Prof. Wm. G. Vinal, University of Massachusetts.

Every time I look at this one-volume nature encyclopedia, the phrase "magnum opus" enters my mind. This "Great Work" presents complete information, whether one seeks to know the fish of the sea, the shells on the beach, the plants on land, the fowl of the air, or the stars overhead. The hundreds of illustrations as well as the descriptive words will be welcomed by camp nature leaders (and every counselor should be a nature leader) as convenient for identification purposes, especially when miles from a population center and its public library. The information given is simple and understandable.

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By G. E. Damon. Standard Publications, Inc., Huntington, W. Va. 206 pp., \$6.00. Reviewed by C. R. Rogers, National Rifle Association.

For several years the author has been teaching classes in Guns, Shooting, and Safety at the Colorado State College of Education. Finding that he was forced to go to innumerable sources for his classroom material, Damon has gathered all this data together between the covers of a single book. The result is over 200 pages, crammed with information.

Because "Gun Fun" makes no effort to furnish exhaustive treatises on these subjects, the reader never becomes lost in technical data. For that same reason there is little controversial material in the book's thirteen chapters. Experts may quarrel with some of the author's statements but the value of the book as a manual or text is confirmed by the fact that all such criticisms will be minor ones.

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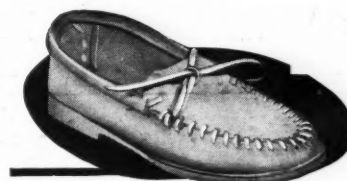
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ber has recently gone through the
gruelling experience of having a
nephew severely burned in a
school fire in which nine of his
friends perished.

A strong plea is made to all
camp owners, operators and di-
rectors to carefully reconsider
fire-protective and fire-fighting
equipment and arrangements at
your camp, and also to re-evaluate
your provisions for escape from
all buildings on your campsite,
should any of them burn.

Some may think that one-story
structures, such as are most wide-
ly used in camps, are such that
easy escape can always be effect-
ed. This, however, is not always
so, and every building should be
provided with at least two exits
for use in case of fire, even if one
is only a trap door for emergency
use.

Fire drills should also be a regu-
lar part of camp routine, and all
counselors should be taught what
to do in case of fire and how to
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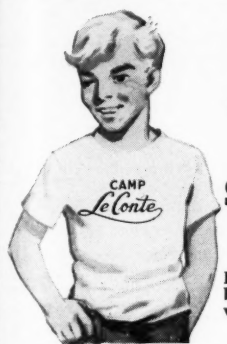
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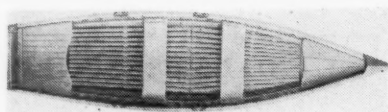
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